

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Pedestrian-Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian and a Freightliner concrete pumper truck that occurred earlier this afternoon.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at approximately 12:57 p.m. when a 2016 Freightliner concrete pumper truck was stopped on Hazlett Road within the Governors development which is currently under construction. While the vehicle was stopped, workers with another company began working behind the truck in a sewer with an open manhole cover in the roadway. One worker was in the sewer while the other was standing at the top as a spotter. For unknown reasons, the truck driver failed to observe the spotter near the open manhole cover and the spotter failed to observe the truck backing up. As a result, the right rear tires struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a 29-year-old male from Georgetown, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the truck, a 43-year-old male from Lewes, DE was wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision and was not injured.

This accident continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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